Appointment of sweepers in Danapur Cantonment Board

1132. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Danapur Cantonment Board Executive Officer during the period January, 1984 to 31st December, 1985 appointed 8 sweepers and scavangers;

(b) whether it is a fact that these sweepers are not actually sweepers and do not perform such duties;

(c) whether it is fact that a Member of Lok Sabha and Members of Bihar Legislature have brought this shady deal to the notice of Minister of State in his Ministry; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The Danapur Cantonment Board Executive Officer has recruited ten persons against the posts of safaiwalas during the period January 1984 to December 1985. Out of these, six persons are employed on duties other than those assigned to safaiwalas.

On receipt of the complaints in this regard, the Director General, Defence Estates, has been directed to investigate and take suitable action.

Setting up of a remote sensing application centre

1133. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Remote Sensing Application Centre in the country;

(b) whether such a Remote Sensing Application Centre has been established in Orissa; and

(c) if so, when it was set up the details of work undertaken by that Centre so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Orissa Remote Sensing Application Centre (ORSAC) has been registered under the Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) on 24th April, 1984. Since the inception of ORSAC, it has been engaged in a number of Remote Sensing Applications and is also involved in the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-Utilisation Projects (IRS-UP) such as Crop Production Forecasting and Soil Mapping.

The Orissa State Centre has taken up a Joint Soil Mapping Project in collaboration with the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar. ORSAC has maped the flood affected areas (as a result of cyclone and storm n October, 1985) using LANDSAT images

Scheme of leave encashment for Defence Personnel

1134. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of leave encashment has been made applicable to the defence personnel;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof giving the variations if any, in its application in all the three wings of the defence forces; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, whether Government propose to make the leave encashment facility available to the defence personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The scheme of leave encashment has been made applicable to all regular officers, JCOs and other Ranks proceding on retirement in the army and equivalent ranks in the Navy and Air Force w.e.f. 30-9-1977, upto a maximum of 120 days, and this has been enhanced upto a maximum of 180 days w.e.f. 31st March, 1983.